

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 760 - HB 1153

March 9, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: States that the definition of “hostile education environment” shall not be construed to include the discomfort or unpleasantness following the expression of a viewpoint or belief that is unpopular, not shared by other students, or not shared by teachers or school officials. Deletes the requirement that a definition of harassment, intimidation, or bullying be included in local education agency policies (LEAs) prohibiting this behavior. States that policies pertaining to harassment, intimidation, or bullying shall not be construed or interpreted to infringe on the First Amendment rights of students. Prohibits LEAs’ harassment, intimidation, or bullying prevention task forces from adopting any materials or training that promote a political agenda, make the characteristics of the victim the focus rather than the conduct of the person engaged in the action, or teach or suggest that certain beliefs or viewpoints are discriminatory when an act or practice is not a discriminatory practice as defined by Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-21-102(4).

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- LEAs currently have policies relating to harassment, intimidation, or bullying that are revised periodically. Any increase in local expenditures to make revisions to these policies will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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